(d) whether any responsibility has been, fixed on the officers responsible for such delays; if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken against those responsibte therefor: and

(e) what action is proposed to be taken to ensme that retirement benefits are paid to the retiring eraployees on or before the dats of retirement as is being done in other Govenment offices, in accordance with the directives issued by the Department of Personnel and Pensions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE VIINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (*SHRI* R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) in most cases retirement dues are paid promptly. In some cases short delays jn payment of some retirment dues occur because of non-settlement of audit objections relating to payments made to officers during their careers and lacunae in their Service Books.

(c) The number of cases in which per-sion payment orders have to issue are:

(i)	more than six months	4
Iii)	more than three months	7
(iii)	more than one month	*12*

(d) Doe; not atise.

(e) The Ministry' has and wiU continue to emphasise to all ajmcemed officers to ensure that there i's no delay in Pay-(uent 0l retirement dues.

Keview of Indo-Nepal Treaty

4559 SHRI O. P. K.1IOII.
SHRI GQVINDRAO ADIK:
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH; SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:

WiU the Minister of EXTERNAL AF-FAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether The Prime Minister of Nepal, Shri Man Mohan Adhikari, during his recent visit to our country, had urged India io review the 1950 Indo-Nepal Friendship Treaty to conform to the changed circumstances.

(b)' if so , the specific changes that he wanted to be made in the Treaty; and

(c) the reaction of Goverrmient thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI k. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) During the visit to India of the Prime Minister of Nepal Mr. Mau Mohan Adhikari from 10-14 April, 1995, the discuSisions covured different aspects of bilateral relations, including review of the Treaty of Peace and Friendship of 1950. The two sides agreed to continue discussion's on this and all relevant issues of bilateral interest ul the apprapriate level of the two countries. No precise proposals tor specifii changes in the treaty were made during the visit.

Letfors written by MPs; to the MEA

4560. .SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL:' Will the Minister of EXTERNAf,.: AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(ii) what is the mumber of letters written by the Members of Parliament to the Ministry during the pcriod from. 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995;

(b) what is the number of Setter's ack-nowledged out of them;

ifi) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replied were sent:
and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued by the Ministry, containing positive and negative replies, respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINiSTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (*d)* The information is being collected and will be laid an the table of the House.